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What's New?

Forms

- [Form 9-28](#), **Allegation-Based System (ABS), Indicators of Harm**: this new form provides the English to Spanish translation for the 15 ABS factors. This form has been added as a "Form and Attachment" to [CPP-II-E-1-100](#), **Allegation-Based System (ABS)**, and is to be utilized to populate the ABS Factor in the Spanish version of forms 9-28(s), 9-28a(s), 9-30(s), and 9-38(s).

What's Revised?

Forms

- Substantive changes were made to the following forms to reflect the New Jersey Appellate Court's decision that "not established" cases be defined as those where there is not a preponderance of the evidence that a child has been abused or neglect, but there is evidence that a child was harmed or placed at risk of harm as the result of a parent or guardian's action or failure to act. See New Jersey Department of Children and Families v. R.R., 454 N.J. Super. 37,47 (App. Div. 2018).

- o [Form 9-28](#), **Notification Letter to Perpetrator (Substantiated Perpetrator), If Child Abuse/Neglect is SUBSTANTIATED – with FAQ’s**: additionally, changes were made to the form’s FAQ section for substantiated findings to reflect new laws that expand the types of organizations and agencies that are required to conduct CARI background checks of employees or volunteers, where a substantiation may impact a person’s employment or volunteer opportunities. For example, N.J.S.A. 8.10f now requires all employees and contractors of DCF and DHS to be CARI background checked.
- o [Form 9-28](#), **Notification Letter to Non-Offending Parent/Caregiver if Child Abuse/Neglect is SUBSTANTIATED**
- o [Form 9-30](#), **Notification Letter to Parent, Guardian or Caregiver and Alleged Perpetrator, If Child Abuse/Neglect is UNFOUNDED – with FAQ’s**
- o [Form 9-38](#), **Notification Letter to Parent, Guardian or Caregiver and Alleged Perpetrator, If Child Abuse/Neglect is NOT ESTABLISHED – with FAQ’s**
- The following CP&P forms have been translated into Spanish to match the English versions:
 - o [5-16\(s\)](#): **Child’s Education Record**
 - o [5-21\(s\)](#): **Notice of Regional Placement Conference (For Cases in Litigation)**
 - o [5-21a\(s\)](#): **Notice of Regional Placement Conference (Letter to Interested Parties)**
 - o [5-21b\(s\)](#): **Letter to Children Age 14 or Over Notifying Them of a Regional Placement Conference**

- o [9-28\(s\)](#): Notification Letter to Perpetrator (Substantiated Perpetrator), If Child Abuse/Neglect is Substantiated - with FAQ's
- o [9-28a\(s\)](#): Notification Letter to Non-Offending Parent/Caregiver if Child Abuse/Neglect is SUBSTANTIATED
- o [9-30\(s\)](#): Notification Letter to Parent, Guardian or Caregiver and Alleged Perpetrator, If Child Abuse/Neglect is UNFOUNDED – with FAQ's
- o [9-38\(s\)](#): Notification Letter to Parent, Guardian or Caregiver and Alleged Perpetrator, If Child Abuse/Neglect Is NOT ESTABLISHED - with FAQ's

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